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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of June 16, 2006, the period of response for which is extended to September 18, 2006 in that September 16, 2006 falls on a Saturday, please consider the following remarks:

No Amendments have been made to the claims.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.